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**PURPOSE
OF THE
COMMISSION**

The Ontario Royal Commission on Electric Power Planning has been established to examine fully the long-range planning concepts of Ontario Hydro for the period 1983 to 1993 and beyond, so that an approved framework can be decided upon in planning and implementing the electrical power system in the best interests of the people of Ontario.

The Commission's terms of reference reflect the importance of the issues involved and the need for the broadest general public debate regarding these issues.

The Commission, under the provisions of The Public Inquiries Act, 1971, has been empowered to consider:

- the long-range planning program in relation to provincial planning;
- domestic, commercial and industrial utilization of electrical energy;
- environmental, energy and socio-economic factors, including such matters as electric load growth, systems reliability, safety, management of heat discharged from generating stations, export policy, land use;

- general principles on siting generating stations and transmission corridors, efficient use of electrical energy and conservation through wise management of primary energy resources;
- power generation technology, interconnecting and power pooling with neighbouring utilities, security of fuel supplies and operational considerations;
- the broader issues relating to electric power planning;
- and report, on a priority basis, on the need for a North Channel Generating Station, a second 500 kV line from Bruce, a 500 kV supply to Kitchener, London and the Ottawa-Cornwall region.

The social and economic aspects of the issues to be brought before the Commission for its deliberations and recommendations to the Government cannot be underestimated. They will provide direction for the life style of the citizens of Ontario for the final decades of this century and beyond.

To assist the public, business, industry, groups and associations interested in making their viewpoints known to the Commission, a series of preliminary public meetings will be held throughout the province. They will be followed by the main inquiry — which may include meetings, workshops, seminars or hearings. The preliminary public meetings will give the public an opportunity to tell the Commission what issues and other matters should be included in the main inquiry.

THE COMMISSION



Dr. Arthur Porter Chairman Professor of Industrial Engineering, University of Toronto; former Dean of Engineering, University of Saskatchewan; and Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of London. He is a member (former chairman) of the Canadian Environmental Advisory Council and was chairman of Ontario's Committee on Automation and Employment. Dr. Porter was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1961 and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1970.

Commissioners



Robert E. E. Costello Vice-President of Corporate Services, Abitibi Paper Company Limited. Mr. Costello brings to the Commission an extensive industrial background. He is a long-time resident of the North and an engineer by training.



Madame Solange Plourde-Gagnon Journalist, a former Queen's Park correspondent for *Le Droit* and a commentator for the CBC. Madame Plourde-Gagnon is a mother of three and will represent the consumer viewpoint to the Commission.



George A. McCague Aside from his own farming operation, Mr. McCague has served on the executive of many farm organizations, including the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Farm Products Marketing Board and the Ontario Milk Commission.



Dr. William W. Stevenson An economist by training, Dr. Stevenson is currently a member of the Ontario Energy Board, and brings to the Commission an extensive background and knowledge of the electric power industry.

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HOW THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE

- A series of preliminary public meetings will be held throughout the Province during the latter part of 1975 and in early 1976. Locations and dates of the meetings will be published in your local newspaper. The general public is invited to attend the preliminary meetings and advise the Commission of the issues they want examined.

- Of particular interest will be ways and means to encourage fullest possible public participation in the Commission's activities. Recommendations, no matter how experimental in nature, on how to achieve this involvement are invited by the Commission for consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you, your organization or group require further information about the Commission or want to receive other material published by the Commission, contact:

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